

# Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT.

Washington, D.C.

January 17th, 1888.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant relative to the difficulty in checking the bills of the Express Company for the transportation of silver coin, I have to say that I am fully aware of the difficulty under which you labor in this respect and very much regret it, but for the present at least you will have to do the best you can under the instructions heretofore given you.

You will use the Quartermaster's table as far as it will serve and the "Travelers Guide" for places not in the Quartermaster's table, taking the shortest route shown by the Guide for the month in which the shipments are made.

Under the contract with Adams Express Company each express carrying is entitled to a minimum rate of \$1.00 per thousand, and for fractional parts of one thousand dollars, not exceeding five hundred dollars, fifty cents to each express carrying the same.

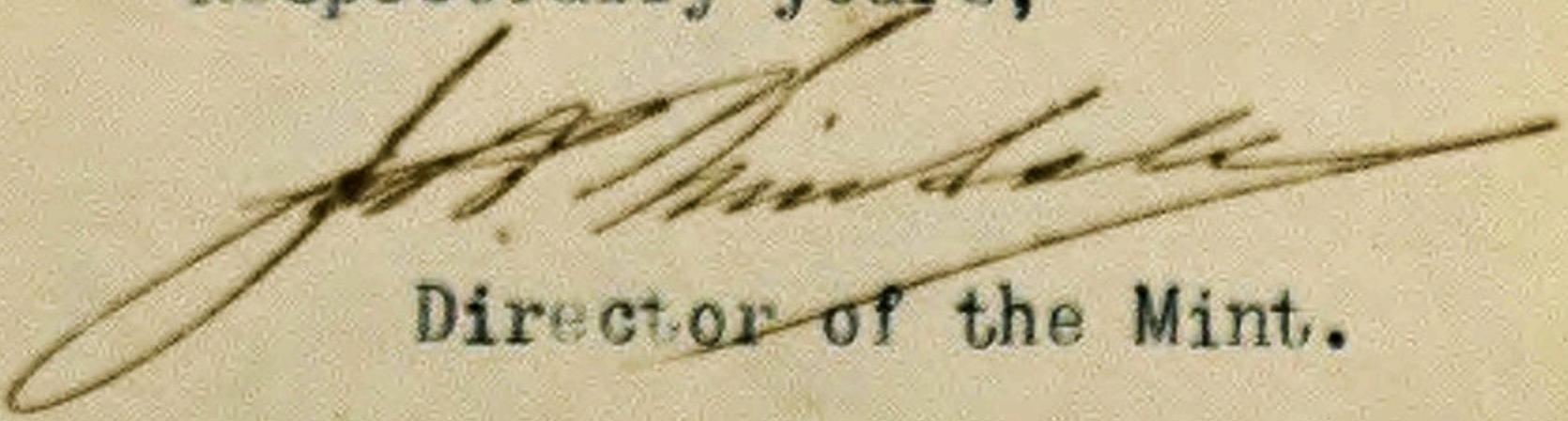
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The change from the table of distances agreed upon between the Department and the express company was made without consulting this Bureau, upon the ground that many of the distances in the table were longer than the actual distances by present lines of railway and the Government was consequently paying for distances not actually traveled.

Through my efforts the Department is now in communication with the Express Company in regard to changing the terms of the contract for shipping silver coin to some simpler and more exact guide.

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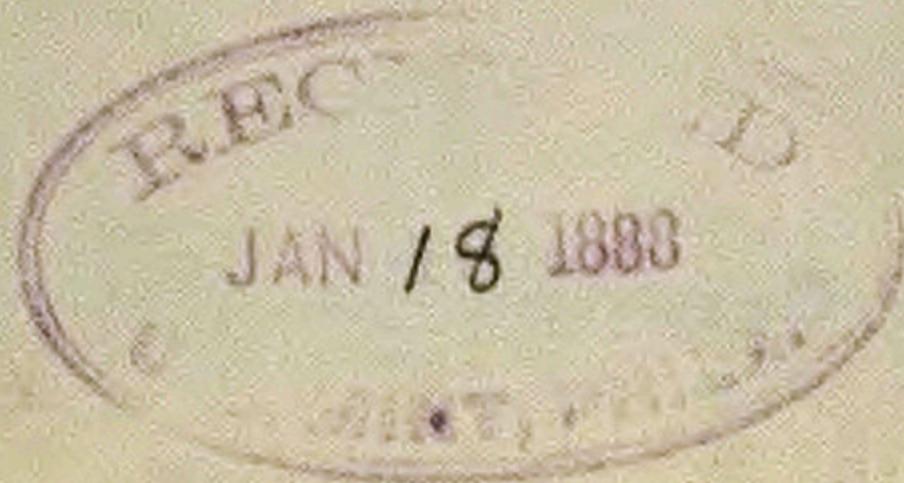
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